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The AIR is a bi-weekly publication aimed at 1) informing the Aromas citizens of its broadening wealth of institutional and individual activities, 2) drawing to itself a corps of dedicated enthusiasts, and 3) vocalizing community needs and values. The AIR may be calling upon you for contributions: interviews, columns, research, etc. Be ready for anything. The AIR force is recruiting!

AROMAS TRI-COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT remains under local control! At the January 14th meeting it was decided by an overwhelming vote of confidence from the community that our present arrangement is (while not perfect) pretty darn good. The Board of Commissioners had studied contracting the State Division of Forestry and three representatives (rangers) were present at this meeting. Dick Ernest of King City answered many questions and made it clear that if Aromas decided against the Forestry measure, rangers would not be "mad". Three good things came out of this issue: 1) The people of Aromas were rallied around our boys at the Fire Station and perhaps volunteer rolls will soar, while 2) Board members will be disposed to support our present system, and 3) Forestry has become a protective or advisory body for Aromas and offers to help us in any way possible, whether it be fighting fires or suggesting equipment outlets. The next issue at hand is who will become the new Fire Chief? A petition was presented the Board carrying 63 signatures from Aromas citizens in support of hiring Dale Andrews for this position. The next Fire Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station.

AROMAS WATER DISTRICT/COMMUNITY SERVICE meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station. The community service meeting will take place directly after Water District affairs are conducted. Many members of our community are showing a greater interest in the Water District and perhaps it wouldn't hurt if we all showed up at the meeting. Originally, the COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING was to take place at the Jones residence, but has been relocated at the Fire Station to eliminate competition with the Water District meeting. Baby-sitting will be provided at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive, 724-0588, for a nominal fee. Those of you who cannot be present at this meeting, feel free to call in your suggestions (724-0588) and to watch for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the SERVICE CLUB coming up in February. As an exercise, list ten things you would like to have happen (or not to happen) in Aromas, in order of priority, and bring the list to the meeting. They will be collected and written up as an "action" list.

THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) OF AROMAS SCHOOL will hold a meeting Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 PM at the school cafeteria. Gayle Hopper, chairperson, will conduct this gathering entitled "How to Accept Change". The community school concept is growing and funding is available ONLY IF there is a high percentage of PARENT INVOLVEMENT in schoolrooms and school activities, so join us in our efforts to make this business of education a well-rounded, community-spirited endeavor! ALL members of our community are welcome, for everyone has a gift and an extra hour or so a week to come down to the school and help out.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY WORKSHOP (San Jose State)...by Barbara Morales: Probably the two most interesting observations on the workshop would be the large response of people concerned about their schools serving the community and the high percentage of parents participating. I feel that both educators and parents once accepted the separation of school and community to the point that parents remained uninformed of school policies. This workshop made it clear that responsible citizens need to take part in planning, implementing, and evaluating the school programs which affect their children. More than one speaker emphasized the importance of the community working together without isolating the very young or the very old. Members of the community who are not parents are encouraged to take part in school advisory councils and to take responsibility to see that the school truly serves the neighborhood. If all elements of the town are working together the school will become more productive as a resource for us all.

ASTRONOMY CLASS: The public is again invited to observe the night sky with a telescope on Friday, January 30 beginning at 7 PM. Saturn has just passed opposition and presents a fine sight with its rings opened wide. Mars is rapidly receding from the Earth but is still prominent nearly overhead at 7 PM. The moon will be new so the dark skies will aid the observation of the Orion nebula, the Beehive cluster in Cancer, and the double cluster in Perseus. Several interesting stars will also be viewed including the double star Rigel whose faint bluish companion star appears nearly lost in its glare. People of all ages are welcome. Please call 724-1945 for arrangements to attend.

There is a small group of young people who enjoy observing the heavens and express an interest in amateur astronomy. Adults have offered similar sentiments and I am wondering if there is enough enthusiasm here to attempt to build a small observatory for the people of Aromas. Resources and skills for such a job are available and a small turret-type observatory housing a modest instrument could be located at one of several good sites. If you would be interested in contributing to or participating in such a project, please call John Sinacori at 724-1945. The administration of such an activity could take the form of a club or be part of the 4-H program. Please make your sentiments and suggestions known.....by John Sinacori.

SCIENCE CAMP FOR SIXTH GRADERS: From March 29 through April 2 a Science Camp will be provided Aromas School 6th graders. About 150 students from four schools, including Aromas, are expected to spend this week at the camp which is adjacent to Big Basin State Park. The camp offers a variety of educational activities, including water safety and first aid, wilderness survival, map and compass studies, a redwood forest study and other environmental studies. A MEETING WILL BE HELD Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 PM at the Aromas School cafeteria. The camp program will be discussed and fund-raising projects will be considered. ALL are welcome to attend. The cost of this camp for each student will be determined by the amount of money Aromas citizens can raise. The 6th graders themselves plan to sell T-shirts, sweat shirts, and ice cream and juice bars, for starters.

P.T.A. BOX DINNER SOCIAL: Ladies prepare picnic-type dinner (main dish, salad, and desert). Place your dinner in a box or basket and decorate to your own liking. Prepare enough food for your own family. Include plates, silverware and tablecloth. Put your name inside the box. Dinner will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Bring your husband, father, or friend to do the bidding. The bidder may buy his family's basket or any other he wishes. The P.T.A. will provide coffee, tea, and punch. PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE SCIENCE CAMP FOR THE AROMAS 6TH GRADE. Reserve the date: February 24 (Tuesday) at 6:30 P.M.

REWARD!! The Ketner's have lost their kitten - a female, 4 months old. Named for her coloring, "Patches" is tan, grey and white-calico. If you have any information or if you have found this kitten, please call the Ketner's at 722-3037.

AROMAS SPRING DANCE: A potluck dinner will be held at the home of Lupe and Earlene Martinez on Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 PM for those interested in helping the Spring Dance materialize. The dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 6. We have asked to use the Grange Hall. Live music will be provided. Tickets will sell for $1.50 and ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP FUND. This strikes us as a great opportunity for an Aromas social event in which all may participate. Our first meeting was hostessed by Barbara Morales and present were Susan McDougall, Lori Hill and neighbor, Kathy, Lupe and Earlene Martinez, Larry and Carole Jones, Linda Child, Jim Maya, and our children. Join with us and give us benefit of your ideas and talents.

ISSUES AND ANSWERS - P.V.U.S.D. STYLE .....by Donna Valdez

On Tuesday morning, January 13th, a meeting was held to introduce interested parents of students in the PVUSD to Dr. Wallace Raynor, Supt. of Schools, and several of his staff. Each of the gentlemen presented a short talk on topics that are of interest to parents in the district. Dr. Raynor spoke on collective bargaining and its implications for PVUSD. Mr. Cheaney gave us a sampling of how the school system is financed. Mr. Cooper told of Senate bills that have recently been passed which allow smoking on high school campuses and that exempt 11th and 12th grade students from P.E. if they so desire. Mr. Sauer spoke about how PVUSD is working with affirmative action and Mr. Von der Mehden started a lively discussion about Junior High schools and their discipline problems. The final speakers on staff were South Zone Administrator, Carlos Lopez, who told us what steps to follow if we have a complaint and Mr. Baker's topic was Revenue limit (they only had $7 per student for books this year) and voter registration.

I found the meeting to be highly enlightening. It gave the few parents who attended the opportunity to become "tuned in" to the administrative side of our school district in a small way. There will be future meetings of this nature which I will be attending and will be happy to take any and all interested along. Feel free to call at any time: 722-2277.

PARENT EDUCATION.....by Barbara Morales, Coordinator:

Aromas parents are invited to Hall District School, Sill Road (Las Lomas) for a talk with slides presented by a woman visiting from Peru. This will take place on February 6th at 10 AM. For information regarding transportation and baby-sitting arrangements, call Barbara Morales, 724-6879.

Los padres de familia de la escuela Aromas estan invitados a un presentacion de transparencias de una visitante de peru estara en la escuela Hall District, Sill Road (Las Lomas). La fecha es 6 de febrero, a las 10 en la manana. Para informacion sobre transportacion y cuida de ninos, llama Barbara Morales, 724-6879.

R E C R E A T I O N ---------- by Stephanie Harlan

February will be FILM MONTH at Aromas School. Every Saturday except Feb. 14, films for children will be shown in the school cafeteria at 11 AM for approximately one hour. There will be no charge for the films, which will include such famous stars as The Little Rascals, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, W.C. Fields, the Keystone Cops, and Mr. Magoo. Everyone is invited to attend. See you on Feb. 7th!

There will be another TEENAGERS' DANCE on Wednesday night, February 11th, to celebrate Valentine's Day, in the Aromas School Cafeteria. The dance will be from 7:30 to 10 PM and all Aromas Teenagers are encouraged to bring records, and help decorate the cafeteria after school that day. The dance will be sponsored by Aromas School, and parents who would like to chaperone for all or part of the evening should call Staphanie Harlan at the school.

There are many fine courses being given by WATSONVILLE EVENING HIGH SCHOOL, 340 Lincoln Street, Watsonville, 722-9231, Ext. 330 or 722-9247 after 4:30 PM. The Spring Semester is from Feb. 2nd to June 4th. Tuition and incidental expenses are $5.50, payable at time of registration, entitling one to attend any number of classes. Students who are working toward a high school diploma are not charged tuition.

RECREATION ------- cont'd

We are still looking for someone to COACH A BOYS' FOOTBALL OR SOFTBALL TEAM. This is a good opportunity for a high school student to earn a small salary and help Aromas School. Call Stephanie Harlan at Aromas School if you are interested.

CABRILLO COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES has some very exciting classes for adults and children listed in the February catalog. Among them are:

1. Electronics For Young People-Saturdays, February 14th through 28th, 9 AM to Noon, Cabrillo College, Room 716, Fee of $11.00. Description: Study electronic parts and components. See computers in action. Talk on the Cabrillo College amateur radio station. Participants will receive a free "surprise package" of components. Electronics test equipment as well as a basic introduction to electronics will be covered. Class is open to boys and girls, ages 10 to 14. Enrollment is limited to 21.
2. Planetarium Show-February 27th and 28th. Title: FROM HERE TO INFINITY. Description: We live in a world of appearances, and these by the nature of things can be very misleading. Come with us as we leave our small, insignificant planet, Earth, and venture out into the realm of black holes, galaxies, quasars, and possibly the ends of the universe. Join us as we travel "from here to infinity". The show on both evenings begins at 8 PM in the Cabrillo Planetarium. Admission is free.

For more information about Community Service Classes at Cabrillo College, phone 688-6466.

A BEGINNING FOLK GUITAR CLASS will start Thursday, January 29, from 3:10 to 4:00 in the Aromas School Cafeteria. A guitar must be furnished by each person. Instruction will include: tuning, basic chords, and strumming techniques.

T H E W I D E W O R L D O F W O M E N

In our school district we have FIVE women principals. Aromas has one of the rare schools which employs a woman, Edie McDonald, as Head Custodian. Edie is a remarkable lady and we are proud to have her in our midst.

WATSONVILLE YWCA is sponsoring a WILLS WORKSHOP for women at the United Methodist Church, 209 Stanford, on Wednesday, February 11th. Mrs. Hermia Kaplan, Santa Cruz lawyer, will be the consultant and will discuss various aspects of drawing up a will that are of particular interest to women. There will be an opportunity to ask questions following her presentation. Child care will be available for a minimal fee. This WILLS WORKSHOP is being presented by the Development Committee of the YWCA as a public service in helping to bring out the importance of having a will. It will be from 10 to 11:30 AM. There is no fee for participation.

The first meeting of the YWCA CHILDREN DROP-IN DAY CARE CENTER took place on January 21. Three participants from Aromas were Mary Parker, Sherry Shubin, and Carole Jones. The group met to lay preliminary plans for organization of a drop-in center. The meeting was chaired by Mary Parker. Mary told of efforts to find a suitable location for the center to interest city and county officials in funding the proposal and of meetings attended and persons contacted so far. Sherry Shubin works in the Santa Cruz Center, Maureen Fernandez is following some leads in obtaining a site. Suggestions for a money making event were discussed. It was felt the publicity would be of as much value as the money raised. A bake sale will be held on Valentine's Day and a carnival will be planned for later this spring. The next meeting will be February 4th, 9:30 AM, United Methodist Church, 209 Stanford. Child care will be available for a minimal fee. Call Mary Parker for further information: 722-8681.

WOMEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING activities take place on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 1:30 (baby-sitting provided) and Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 PM (evening meetings take place at the home of Francine Carroll, 306 Bardue, 728-2749 after 6 PM). Topics include Communication, Fears, Death, Money, Touching, Self-Image, Marriage Legalities, etc. Meetings are structured only enough to allow each person an opportunity to speak. Interested persons call Sherry Shubin, 722-9613.

GIRL SCOUTS: Girl Scout Troup 4229 will be selling cookies for $1.25 per box from now until February 9th. Contact Betty Luzovich, Girl Scout Leader, or your nearest girl scout for your orders.

W O R K S H O P S

NUTRITION & BEHAVIOR: Santa Cruz Public Library, 224 Church St., 8 AM - 4 PM, by Ms. Libby Balter, 425-6354.

PAC WORKSHOP: "How to Accept Change", Wednesday, January 28, 7:30 PM at Aromas School Cafeteria. Gayle Hopper, Chairperson.

PERU: Hall District School, February 6th at 10 AM. A talk with slides.

BI-LINGUAL MATERIALS: San Francisco, February 18-22. Call Jim Follis, Comp. Ed., 722-9231, Ext. 227 for details.

C.A.C.E. (California Association of Compensatory Education) CONFERENCE: March 4th through 7th at Anaheim. EVENT OF THE YEAR!!! Check with your principal or with Mr. Jim Follis at the District Office for further information.

HALL DISTRICT SCHOOL presents Mr. Ken Larson, guest speaker on Monday, January 26th at 7 PM. Mr. Larson is a spokesman for Early Childhood Education and brings with him a wealth of experience including some years in England's E.C.E. programs.

PARENT TRAINING SESSION: Mr. Jim Follis, Office of Comp. Ed., reviewed the basic outline of the School Plan on January 22. Present were Mary Blackwood, Carole Jones, Hazel Belt, and Blanche Perry. It was stressed that goals should be very high and program objectives be very specific. A copy of a sample Comp. School Level Program Plan (Form A-127) was given each in attendance so we can go back to our respective schools with fresh ideas for this Project-writing undertaking into which each school must be thrust starting now and ending sometime early in May.

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The DAC met Thursday evening, January 22nd. All but three members were present. The by-laws were amended and approved. Each member is to have one alternate which accompanies him or her to meetings and stays well informed of the activities of the Committee. Members will have the responsibility of contacting Carole Jones, 724-0588, when unable to attend regularly scheduled meetings, or when special arrangements must be made. San Francisco and Anaheim conferences (mentioned above) were discussed. Carol Sharp explained that Title II funding was available for the last time this year to provide books to each school in our district. Each zone has decided whether they wish printed or non-printed material. South Zone chose strictly non-printed materials and the communities are asked to contact the schools if they have any suggestions as to which film strips, maps, cassettes, etc. are ordered. The funds amount to 50¢ per student. No equipment is covered by this amount. Sarah Clarenbach of Legal Services suggested some members of the DAC research legislation continually and report findings at each DAC meeting. Hector Nava (Radcliff), Carole Jones (Aromas), and Lori Hill (Legal Services) volunteered. The migrant Education team at Pajaro presented a recipe for success in bringing about a large degree of parent involvement. It seems home visitations by Aides and meetings including live entertainment and student participation do the trick.

THE CHILD: INDIVIDUAL IN A GROUP ENVIRONMENT. Language and Thinking Strategies. Saturday, February 21, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Mar Vista Multi-purpose Room, 6860 Soquel Dr., Aptos, by Marilyn Bramley of Riverside.

INTERNATIONAL HAPPENING: E.A. Hall Junior High is sponsoring a potluck dinner, folk dancing, music and ethnic display happening on Sunday, February 1, from 1 to 5 PM at the E.A. Hall Junior High School Cafeteria. ALL ARE INVITED!

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES OPTIONAL P.E. PLAN: Approved at the January 20th meeting of PVUSD Governing Board: A recommendation from the SB 16 Study Committee that physical education be made optional for 12th graders beginning in the Spring Semester of 1976 and shall be optional for 11th and 12th grade students beginning in the Fall of 1976. The number of semester periods of P.E. required for graduation will be reduced to 35 for the graduating class of 1976 and shall be reduced to 20 semester periods for all classes beginning with the Fall Semester of 1976. Watsonville High School principal Bob Bowman will report to the Board in April, when he is able to determine whether the change will create staffing problems for the high school.

PARENTAL STRESS CRISIS LINE: 722-1211

COMMUNITY FOLK DANCE: Fridays, February 13th through April 12, 7:30 to 10:30 PM. Cabrillo College, Room 1117. Series for $5 or $.75 per one night. European, Balkan, and American folk dance by leaders Al Doaud and Bev Wilder.

AN EVENING OF DANCE AND THEATER: Tandy Beal and Company, Cabrillo College Theater, Saturday and Sunday, February 14th and 15th at 8 PM. Admission is $2 at the door.

FILM-LECTURE ON MEXICO: February 8th at 7:30 PM in the Forum 450 of Cabrillo College. Narrated by filmmaker, journalist, and author, Bill Madsen.

YUGOSLAVIAN FILM: February 1st at 7:30 PM in Forum 450, Cabrillo College. "I Even Met Happy Gypsies", nominated for an Academy Award as Best Foreign Film. Alexandar Petrovic. General Admission $2 - Students and Seniors $1.50.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SYMPHONY: Featuring pianist Hilde Somer in the Grieg Piano Concerto. February 7th at 8:30 PM and February 8th at 8:30 PM in Cabrillo College Theater. General Admission $4 - Students and Seniors $2. Also performed will be Brahm's Symphony No. 3 in F Major and Sinfonietta by Avshalomov. Tickets: Community Services, 688-6466.

CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT: Farley and Eisenstein. Saturday, February 26th at 8 PM in Cabrillo College Theater. Gen. Admission $2 - Students and Sr. Citizens $1.50.

AN EVENING OF DANCE WITH "THREE'S COMPANY": Jean Isaacs, Patrick Nolet, and Betzi Roe. February 26th at 8 PM in the College Center at Cabrillo. Gen. Admission is $2.50 - Students and Seniors $2.

SENIOR CITIZEN FITNESS AND BODY AWARENESS: International Seniors Center in Watsonville is meeting Tuesdays, February 3rd through March 9th, from 1 to 3 PM. Designed particularly for those who have been physically inactive, the class will emphasize strengthening, toning, and relaxing. Location: 127 E. Beach St., Watsonville, Admission Free. Guest speakers.

SPIRITUAL SAYINGS OF KAHLIL GIBRAN of Lebanon ...

Of life's two chief prizes, beauty and truth, I found the first in a loving heart and the second in a laborer's hand.

To be closer to God, be closer to people.

Keep me from the wisdom that does not weep, and the philosophy that does not laugh, and the pride that does not bow its head before a child.

EDUCATION sows not seeds in you, but makes your seeds grow.

ENTHUSIASM is a volcano on whose top never grows the grass of hesitation.